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In Re Application of:

Norbert Hofmann

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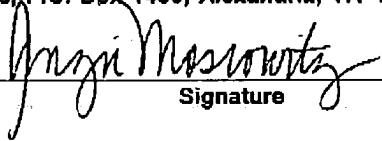
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Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Amendment and Request for Reconsideration in response to the Office Action dated October 14, 2004. This response is timely because it is being filed within the three-month time period allowed for a response. Please amend the above-identified application as follows: